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The People's Commissariat for Foreign Affairs (MVD)

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From: OTTAWA
To: MOSCOW
Ref: 489-498

2 August 1944

Part I

[75 groups untraceable]

military planes were sent via

[38 groups untraceable]

land-lease, [1 group unidentified and 5 groups untraceable] since the adoption of the aid policy, i.e. since October 1941. Of this number about half went to Russia via Siberia, [13 groups untraceable] United States [43 groups untraceable] (Alaska) [57 groups untraceable] 50-mile bay [39 groups untraceable]

Part II

[10 groups untraceable and
45 groups untraceable]

Midway (Tidore), and during 1941

[17 groups untraceable]

and radio-[1 group unidentified].

When Japan struck the blow at Pearl Harbor and the northern [7 groups untraceable] from the USSR was immediately made available for American planes returning to Alaska and the Aleutians. Today this north-

[44 groups untraceable]

link is [1 group unidentified].

The government [8 groups untraceable] — Midway [1 group untraceable] vitally important links in the worldwide [44 groups untraceable and 11 groups untraceable]

Part III

Since 14 September [3 groups untraceable] planes with ref stops

[13 groups untraceable]

, pilot [1 group unidentified] planes from Alaska to the Soviet front. [1 group unidentified] three [3 groups unidentified or parked] do not work in any case, although

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[30 groups unanswerable or unanswerable]

Part IV

In connection with this, today [1]

[43 groups unanswerable]

Information cannot be published in the press. [7 groups unanswerable] by [1 group unanswerable] of July 1 [1 group unanswerable] Robertsons [1] of the fact that the Soviet government [is considering?]

[51 groups not available]

every and every [3 groups unidentified] airline. At the time of [1 group unidentified] Robertson promised that no article will be published in the Canadian press if it is not published in the press of the USA. Mr. Robertson, told us in our last conversation that he will [63 unknown] contact with [unintelligible] on this matter and if [there is?] any news he [will tell?] us about [14?].

In spite of this, articles appeared today in many Canadian papers containing information about the number of American planes supplied to the USSR, and [3 groups unidentified]. I

[60 groups unanswerable and
14 groups unanswerable].

Part V

In his reply Robertson [61 unanswerable] the correctness of the story of this affair received by us [1 group unanswerable] and said that he [1 group unidentified] his promise and has not authorized publishing an article in the Canadian magazine MacLean's, but at the same time he has been watching how [3 groups unidentified] question with [1 group unidentified] article in the American magazine Collier's. According to agreement between the membership agencies of Canada and the USA, materials published in the USA in [1 group unidentified] published in Canada

[63 groups unanswerable]

planes and the number of them. Article [1 group unanswerable] Department of Foreign Affairs [3 groups unanswerable] above-mentioned agreement, not [2 groups unanswerable] membership agencies [1 group unanswerable] publication of articles [1 group unanswerable] Canadian press. Robertson showed us the latest telegram from the Canadian government in the USA, in which it is reported that Switzerland, on

[36 groups unanswerable]

dition of this magazine is impossible. On the basis of this, said Robertson, [1 group unidentified] completely clear that in the USA materials will be published in [1 group unidentified] these conditions we [1 group unidentified] possibility [3 groups unidentified] aforementioned information in Canada, since

[35 groups unanswerable]

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(must not be) published in Canada if it has not been printed in the newspaper of the USA.

ГЛАВА II

[1 group unidentified] Americans [2 groups unidentified] the newspaper information about deliveries of planes to the USSR via Alaska, [2 gr. esp unidentified] done with the permission of [1 group unidentified] of the USA, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada [said] that [1 group unidentified] publication of this information in the Canadian press already [2 groups unidentified]. Therefore, Lieutenant said to me, it is not the Canadians that are guilty of disclosing military secrets, but the Americans. I told Lieutenant that not [1 group unidentified] with his [1 group unidentified] agreement made between the USA and

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References and notes

(ii) Group Discussion

membership in Canada, then he would be glad to give such information
(if you are amenable, including statement)

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(4) **Nicolaus Alexander Wissner**, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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